Computerised Rail Booking Centre in Kullu/Manali

†2246. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways had decided to establish a computerised rail ticket booking centre in the district headquarters of Kullu or Manali in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, when and the reasons for not establishing the said centre so far; and

(c) by when the centre is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The work for provision of computerised reservation facility was sanctioned in the year 1998-99. However, the facility would be commissioned as soon as the required infrastructure and facilities are provided by Himachal Pradesh Government.

The centre can be commissioned only after provision of built up space and infrastructure by the State Government.

Harassment of SC/ST Employees in Central Railway

2247. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received information from All India Depressed Classes Federation, Nagpur, regarding the alleged harassment of SC/ST employees in Central Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that even after fifty years of our Constitution, which not only bans discrimination against SC/ST communities but also guarantees protection of their life, such deplorable attitute in Central Services still exists;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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